

FEBRUARY 25, 1845.

Read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. YANCEY, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported the following bill:

A BILL

For the relief of the legal representatives of John Ruddle.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the legal representatives of John Ruddle, who are entitled to a
4 New Madrid certificate, numbered two hundred and nine, au-
5 thorizing a new location under the New Madrid law, for three
6 hundred and fifty arpens, and heretofore entered in township
7 forty-two north, range two west, of the fifth principal meridian,
8 be, and are hereby, authorized to enter three hundred and fifty
9 arpens of land, on any of the public lands belonging to the
10 United States, the sale or entry of which is authorized by law,
11 without further additional cost: *Provided, That* the legal rep-
12 resentatives of said John Ruddle, so entitled as aforesaid, before
13 making said location or entry, shall execute a release to the
14 United States for all claim and right to the land upon which
15 said certificate has been heretofore entered or located.